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In re Application of
Srinivas Kandala, et al.
Application No. 09/614,784
Filed: July 12, 2000
Attorney Docket No. TAL 7146.075

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 26, 2004, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

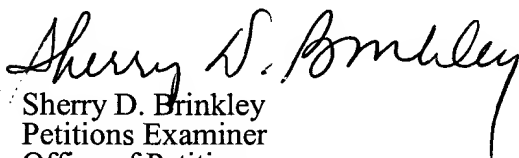
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed October 6, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. On April 26, 2004, an amendment, a petition for extension of time and the present petition were filed.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for prior to or with the response. In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. Accordingly, if the question of abandonment arises when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 can no longer be used, then the application is abandoned when the unextended time for response has expired. Therefore, no extension of time fees are due on a petition for revival. In view thereof, the \$950 extension of time fee submitted with the petition is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220. All other inquiries regarding this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2634 for consideration of the amendment filed April 26, 2004.


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